To Preserve Our American Heritage In Freedom's Cause

I Am Your Bill of Rights

COMMITTEE ON
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I'm over 170 years old, having been born on December 15, 1791. I am the *first* of ten amendments to the Constitution. Until I was written into the Constitution that document was like a body without a soul.

I am your *Bill of Rights.*

Don't take me for granted. Like all mortal creations, *I CAN BE KILLED.*

The giant shadow of totalitarian state-slavery moves over the world. Wherever that shadow falls, I am *obliterated.* That shadow *HAS fallen over the United States.*

Three men—*Thomas Jefferson, James Madison* and *George Mason*—fathered me. As men brought me to life, I can be slain by men—and will be slain unless you and all *patriotic American citizens organize to DEFEND me.*

I am *freedom of religion; freedom of speech; freedom of press; freedom of assembly.* I am the *privacy* and *sanctity* of your home. I am your guarantee of *trial by jury,* as I am the policeman who guards your property rights.

Cruel and unusual punishment and excessive fines and bail cannot be visited upon you so long as I am *ALIVE*: I order that *all rights* not specifically mentioned in the Constitution shall be retained by *YOU—the people.* I am the rights of the

States against engulfing centralized power.

I am the *Bill of Rights* — your signed lease to *spiritual, mental* and physical *freedom.* I ask you to meditate on all ten clauses. Memorize them. Engrave them on your hearts.

My existence depends upon *your vigilance* — on how vigilantly you watch your rulers. My eternal enemies, known as *DICTATORS,* are abroad in the world and *HERE* in the United States.

Personal unlimited power has destroyed the liberties of many peoples in ancient and modern times. *It CAN happen to YOU,* and maybe, subtly and unknowingly to you, it is happening.

Put every law that is proposed in Washington and elsewhere into the crucible of *MY TEN COMMANDMENTS.* Your question must always be: *Not what does a law GIVE ME,* but *what does it TAKE AWAY from me?*

I am the *Bill of Rights.*

When I am violated, *A PART OF YOU DIES.*

I'm **over 170** years old. Will I reach my 200th year? *THAT DEPENDS UPON YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN.*

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Our Bill of Rights

created by our distinguished forebears that our alertness to the preservation of ideals which have made America great and to inspire all Americans to rally that these ideals and principals "shall not perish from this earth"

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